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REMARKS

Please cancel Claims 21, 23-26, and 30-40 without prejudice and amend Claim 20, 22, and 27 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications with respect to the claims as originally submitted. Claims 20, 22, and 27-29 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action of August 28, 2003, the Examiner noted that Claims 25 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection with respect to tissue sampling apparatus being recited in the preamble.

Claim 20 has been amended to address the 35 USC 112 rejection, and to incorporate language taken from Claims 21, 23, 24, 25, and 26. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the claims, as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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